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Southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue Off-Ramp Closes

Work continues throughout the Phase 3 project area, which spans from Rialto Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue.

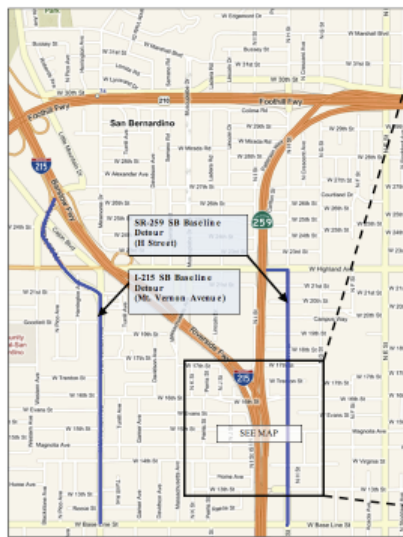
In late December, construction crews permanently closed the southbound I-215 13th Street/Baseline Avenue off-ramp as a new off-ramp will be built directly onto Baseline Avenue. As a detour, drivers can exit Mount Vernon Avenue, turn right, and travel south toward Baseline Avenue. Below are detour maps for the Baseline Avenue closure or visit http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/215/215-construction/12-18-09_closures.pdf.

During the month of January 2010, crews will continue bridge work at 9th Street, Baseline Avenue, and Rialto Avenue. In addition, drainage work will be done throughout the project area.

As a reminder, the 9th Street bridge will remain closed to drivers and pedestrians until late 2010. The 4th Street on-ramps will remain closed until crews complete construction of ramps directly on the 5th Street bridge, eliminating the current 4th Street on-ramps.

During construction, every effort will be made to minimize impacts to drivers and businesses in the area.

Corridor Improvement Project – Segments 1 and 2 Stage 1A 13th Street Off-Ramp



Note: This figure is not intended to show detailed design features. Please see the project plan layouts to view engineering information such as the number of lanes and lane lengths.



**SANBAG and
Caltrans Wish
You a Safe and
Happy New Year!**



The southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue off-ramp was closed in December to allow crews to begin work on the new ramp.

Join Us! Phase 3 & 4 Open House Scheduled for January

Caltrans and San Bernardino Associated Governments will be hosting an Open House on January 12, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Shandin Hills Golf Club for the public to view models and maps of Phases 3 & 4 of the I-215 Widening Project. Knowledgeable staff will be in attendance to answer questions.

Phase 3 of construction began in September 2009 following a groundbreaking ceremony. The phase begins at Rialto Avenue and ends at Massachusetts Avenue.

The project limits of Phase 4 are from Massachusetts Avenue to University Parkway and include the construction of connector ramps between I-215 and SR-210.

MCM Construction is scheduled to begin work on Phase 4 of the I-215 Widening Project on January 11, 2010. As part of this work, crews will permanently close the northbound I-215 Highland Avenue off-ramp. As a detour, drivers can exit I-215 at Muscupiabe Drive. That same day, the northbound I-215 Highland Avenue on-ramp will temporarily close. As a detour, drivers can enter I-215 using 27th Street. To learn more about these and other planned closures for Phases 3 & 4, please join us at the open house on January 12, 2010.

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Rock Scape Taking Form in Phase 2

During the month of December, Caltrans and MCM Construction continued their focus of work between Orange Show Road and Mill Street. If you have traveled the area recently, you may have noticed the rock scape being installed along the side of the freeway between Inland Center Drive and Mill Street.

In January, construction crews will continue to work at Orange Show Road, Inland Center Drive and Mill Street to make progress on the on- and off-ramps and underpasses.

Monthly meetings between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency personnel continue to provide construction updates and to address any concerns. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans



Crews continue placing the new rock scape that will line the corridor.

Annex building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans website at www.caltrans8.info. For the safety of you and the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.



Freeway Service Patrol Helps Drivers on I-215

Whether you need help changing a flat tire or a gallon of gas, the San Bernardino County Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) helps motorists stranded on I-215. During construction, the FSP tow trucks travel the corridor back and forth during peak travel hours providing assistance to motorists on the roadway.

Since the beginning of construction in January 2007, FSP has assisted in repairing more than 2,800 flat tires, fixing more than 2,400 mechanical problems, and providing gas for more than 1,700 vehicles. Nearly 22,000 vehicles have been assisted on I-215 throughout the project.

At no cost to motorists, FSP tow truck drivers help those who run out of gas, have a flat tire, or need minor mechanical assistance. If the repair cannot be made within a short period of time, the FSP driver will tow the vehicle to a safe location designated by the CHP. From the period of January 2006 through September 2009, FSP has helped a total of 128,000 drivers in the county.

The goal of the program is to keep freeways moving, reduce the chance of secondary accidents, and to help make freeways safer and less congested. This service is partly funded by Measure I among other state and local funds.



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.

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